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REPORT SAYS TORREON SUCUMB TO VILLA ATTACK

British And French Continue Their Gains Along The Somme

BRITISH ADVANCE THOUSAND YARDS WHILE FRENCH TAKE GERMAN FIRST LINE POSITIONS

(By Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
LONDON, July 21.—The official statement issued about midnight from British headquarters in France reads:
"North of the Bazentin-Lougeval line we gained about 1,000 yards in the face of stubborn opposition. Heavy fighting still continues in the northern outskirts of Longueval village and in Delville wood.
Heavy fighting continues on the Somme front. The war office announced today that the British had gained ground in Delville wood and Longueval.
North of the Longueval-Bazentin position the British pushed forward their line.
The statement follows:
At 2:50 o'clock in the afternoon, in Delville wood, and Longueval, we regained a little more ground. The struggle in these areas continued.
"North of our Longueval-Bazentin position we this morning pushed forward our line, capturing some prisoners and a gun.
"East of the Leisepic redoubt, we made a substantial advance last night.
"Elsewhere in the main battle area, there has been only artillery fire since the last report and no alterations in the positions."

Teutons Being Attacked On East and West

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LONDON, July 20.—While a strong but unsuccessful German counter-offensive is still being fought on the British front, the Teutonic armies find themselves again the object of a simultaneous attack on both eastern and western fronts. The recent successful advance having brought the British into line with the French at Hardecourt, the French offensive, which has been for some time in preparation, has been renewed energetically on both sides of the Somme on a front of about five miles—thus far successfully.

Official dispatches from the British and French headquarters tonight show a further advance by both armies.
The British pushed forward their line about 1,000 yards north of the Bazentin-Lougeval sector and are still fighting fiercely with the Germans in the outskirts of Longueval and in the Delville wood.

The French, having renewed their offensive, captured a considerable stretch of German trenches in the neighborhood of Estrees and in engagements on both sides of the river have taken nearly 2,000 additional prisoners.

At the same time, according to Rome reports, the violent Russian offensive has been resumed in the Carpathians, at Kovel, Vladimir-Volynski, and in the Riga sector. Unofficial dispatches from Petrograd say that the second stage of the campaign for the possession of Kovel is continuing with extreme violence. General Brusilov has brought up crushing forces from the Stokhol

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LA FOLLETTE DELAYS PASSAGE OF SENATE NAVAL MEASURE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, July 20.—Senator La Follette again delayed passage of the naval bill today, continuing until a few minutes before adjournment the attack he began yesterday against the measure. As soon as he concluded the senate defeated, 44 to 8, his amendment to prohibit use of the navy to collect private debts or enforce claims of American citizens or corporations. A substitute by Senator Norris to prevent such employment of naval vessels until court procedure had been exhausted and arbitration denied, also was defeated.

In a seven-hour speech, Senator La Follette contended that the big financial interests of the country centered in two great Wall street groups known as the Morgan and Standard Oil Company. Speaking on his amendment the Wisconsin senator declared he had been informed on good authority that General Carranza was negotiating agreements along those lines with Latin-American countries and later would ask the United States to enter into it.

The proposed naval program, Senator La Follette declared, meant the inauguration of a policy to build a navy as great or greater than Great Britain's within the next ten years.

"But when we have done that, what then?" he continued. "When you build, England and Germany will build more. You will drive them to it and after you have spent your \$215,000,000, you will just find yourselves in a new place to start. Your only limit then will be the limit of taxation upon

Marquis Of Crewe Defends The Niesopotamia Campaign

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LONDON, July 20.—Replying to severe denunciations of the Mesopotamia campaign by Lord Wymess, in introducing his motion in the House of Lords demanding an investigation, the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council, said that in the critical moments of August, 1914, it was imperative for Great Britain to reassert her paramount position in the Persian gulf and prevent the declaration of a holy war.
"Our presence there," he continued, "I believe saved the empire from the approach of a great disturbance."
He referred to the difficulties confronting the Indian government and said that from December, 1914 to September following there had been no less than seven separate attacks, some of a very formidable character, on India's northwest frontier and con-

SOMETHING NEW TO THINK ABOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—A tenet of the San Francisco members of the Women's Navy League from participating in the prearranged parade here next Saturday was forgotten today when several of the members received anonymous warnings threatening them with "extermination" if they persisted in their military enthusiasm and marched in the parade. According to the federal authorities more than 200 of the anonymous warnings, hand printed on postal cards, have been intercepted at the post-office. A few of them escaped the vigilance of the sorters and were delivered. The cards were signed "Employees Protective League."

DELAY CAUSING BAD SITUATION SAYS REDMOND

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, July 20.—John Redmond, the nationalist leader, made public today a memorandum which he sent to Premier Asquith and David Lloyd George, the secretary for war, on Tuesday, in which he declared that the delay in making public the text of the Irish bill and the irritation caused by Lord Lansdowne's recent speech had created a very serious situation in Ireland. He adds:

"In my opinion any further delay whatever in producing and proceeding with the bill will make a settlement of the lines laid down in the terms submitted by Mr. Lloyd George quite impossible. When these terms were originally submitted to us we were strongly urged to use all possible dispatch in consulting our supporters in Ireland. It was pressed upon us that the matter was one of extreme urgency and that from all points of view it was vital that the settlement should be pushed through quickly, and we were told that not only Irish but great imperial interests were at stake."

"It is now more than three weeks since we did our part and obtained the assent of our friends in Ireland in the face of very great difficulty as the proposed terms were far from popular. Since then little or no progress has been made and for some mysterious reason the matter, which five weeks ago was so urgent, now hangs fire.
"I therefore, feel it my duty to urge upon the government that further delay will be fatal and place on record my conviction any proposal to depart from the terms agreed upon, especially in respect to the strictly temporary provisional character of all the sections of the bill, will compel us to declare that the agreements, on the faith of which we obtained the assent of our supporters in Ireland, have been departed from and is at an end."

A meeting of the Irish party has been summoned for Saturday when the situation will be taken under consideration.

COAL PRODUCTION INCREASES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DENVER, July 20.—Of the increased coal production during the first six months of this year, 300,000 tons more than in the corresponding period of 1915. Increased activities at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company steel plant at Pueblo, it was stated by J. F. Welborn, president of the company. In this connection it was stated that figures for the six months not yet completed will show a large increase in production of the Pueblo plant.

POSTMASTERS HEAR WILSON AS DEMOCRATS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, July 20.—President Wilson was the guest of honor tonight at the annual banquet of the National association of Postmasters. Several cabinet officers also were present. The annual convention, which virtually concluded its formal business with the election of officers, will close tomorrow.

In an address at the afternoon session, Anthony Caminetti, commissioner of immigration, urged cooperation of postmasters with the labor department's employment bureau.

"If each postmaster will cooperate," he said, "we will have a free employment bureau in every little town and hamlet. The postoffice should be a place where every citizen should come to do his business with his 'Uncle Sam' and every citizen who wants a job or who has a job to give."

The philosophy of his political faith, which he termed "service and usefulness," was delineated by President Wilson tonight in an address to about 700 postmasters, virtually all his own appointees. He also touched upon the subject of peace, but only to say "that in no other country are the processes of peace so free to move."

Introduced by Postmaster Selph of St. Louis, presiding "as the protector of American citizenship," the president was given an ovation lasting more than five minutes. In prefacing his remarks he said he understood his auditors were virtually all democrats and that, therefore, he was free to say certain things that he might not otherwise have said.

"As I look about upon you," the president said "I gather many of the impressions of the last three years. Because many things have occurred and the thing I have been most interested in is organizing this government for service of the country.
"Most of you, I am told, if not all of you, bear commissions from the present administration. That sets me free to say some things that I might not otherwise say."

When he started a sentence a moment later with "If you're all democrats," he was drowned out by cries of "we are, we are."
"There is only one way of holding the confidence of the American public," the president resumed, "and that is by deserving it and I know by my intercourse with the postmaster general his single object has been to make the postoffice of more service to the people of the United States than it has ever been before."

"I have no interest in the political party, except as an instrument of achievement. I cannot imagine how a man can be interested in a party that has no aspirations and a program to be worked out. I inherited my democracy. But it wouldn't stay in my blood long if the red corpuscles didn't have something to do. And if the democratic party will bear all its efforts to understand the United States and serve it, it will be continued in power so long as it practices that devotion."

Declaring that selfishness was the antithesis of public service because

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Army Officer And Woman Slain By Woman's Husband

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ALPINE, Tex., July 20.—Major M. C. Butler of the Sixth United States cavalry and Mrs. H. J. Spannell, with whom he was out riding in an automobile, were shot and killed this afternoon by H. J. Spannell, husband of the woman.

Immediately after the shooting, Spannell went to the jail and surrendered.

Mrs. Spannell was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holland, well known residents of Alpine.
Spannell, who is the proprietor of the hotel here, had been under suspicion of friends today on account of his strange actions preceding the tragedy. They said he did not act normally.

Wife on Way to Border

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 20.—Mrs. M. C. Butler, wife of Major Butler, who before her marriage was Miss Margaret Howell, daughter of the late M. B. Howell, Sr., one of Nashville's leading lawyers, left this city a short time ago to join her husband on the border. They were married eleven years ago and there is one child, M. C. Butler, Jr.

Son of Gen. Ben Butler

EL PASO, July 20.—Major Butler, according to his army friends in El Paso, was a son of Benjamin F. Butler of Civil War fame, and had only recently been promoted to lieutenant colonel.

SHAPING TROOPS INTO AN EFFICIENT BODY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN ANTONIO, July 20.—Although convinced that the diplomatic negotiations now in progress will terminate in a settlement of the differences between Mexico and the United States and that orders soon will be received for the gradual withdrawal of General Pershing's forces, staff officers here are continuing the work of shaping the big body of men into an efficient body.

No orders for the withdrawal of General Pershing's force have been received, but their receipt will be no surprise. As a further addition to the fighting force along that part of the

border over which the expeditionary force moved, however, five regiments are to be stationed at Deming, N. M., as a strategic move, General Funston announced today.
The movement of guardsmen has been somewhat lessened since the order to complete the equipment was received. One New York regiment, the Third, passed through here today on the way to Brownsville with 1,800 men.
Field communication is to be facilitated by the adoption of the motor for operation of the dynamo. Several of these new motorcycles arrived today and were tried out by the signal corps.

MEXICO PROPOSES CONFERENCE AT NIAGARA FALLS BETWEEN ENVOYS OF TWO COUNTRIES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MEXICO CITY, July 20.—The details of Mexico's proposals for a peaceful solution of difficulties, with the United States were made public tonight by the foreign office when a copy of the note was sent to the Washington government July 11 was given to the newspapers for publication in tomorrow morning editions.

The note suggests the naming of three commissioners by each government, the commissioners to meet at some neutral point to discuss the question of withdrawal of the American troops now in Mexico and the drawing up of an agreement providing terms for the reciprocal crossing of the frontier by the troops of either nation and the investigation of the origin of the parties who have raided American border towns for the purpose of definitely fixing responsibility for them.

In commenting on the note tonight, foreign office officials said that as it had not yet been answered by the Washington government they considered it their duty to the Mexican people to make it public that Mexicans might know what effort their government was making toward a peaceful solution of the pending difficulties.

It has been learned from unofficial sources that the conference probably will be held in Niagara Falls. The

names of the Mexican delegates have not yet been made public, but it is known that they will all be civilians, and that the chairman of the commission will be a member of General Carranza's cabinet well known in financial circles in the United States. It is believed that the conference will convene early in August. The note which the foreign office says the United States has never answered is directed to Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's agent at Washington. It follows:

"By order of the citizen first chief you will please transmit in writing to the honorable secretary of state the following note:

"I have the honor to refer to the note of your excellency dated the seventh of the present month, that was transmitted by our confidential agent, Arredondo, and to say that I have received instructions from the citizen first chief of the constitutional army in charge of the executive power to suggest through you that his excellency, Mr. President Wilson, the idea of naming three commissioners in representation of each government, to meet at some place, to be later agreed upon, for the purpose of holding a conference that the proposition of evacuation of American troops now occupying

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SUBMARINE STILL HERE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

BALTIMORE, July 20.—A British cargo steamer which anchored off the Berth of the merchant submarine Deutschland gave officials of the East-Long Forwarding company considerable worry tonight. The British vessel is in a position to observe any movement of the submarine.

The searchlight of the Forwarding company's tug Timmins was flashed on the Britisher intermittently through the night.

Captain Zach Cullison of the Timmins reported for duty aboard the tug

tonight. He had spent several days around the Virginia capes, presumably getting a line on the movements of foreign warships.

It was declared the Deutschland would carry no gold back to Germany with her but that the Bremen, her sister ship, might do so.

It has been reported to officials looking after the Deutschland's interests that a force of strangers has been keeping close tabs on the submarine's movements. Others are said to be stationed at strategic points all down the Chesapeake bay at the capes.

SLAYER OF PARKER AND BRIDE DID NOT ESCAPE CIVILIAN POSSE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DOUGLAS, Ariz., July 20.—Jose Valenzuela, a Mexican, admitted by his wife to be the slayer of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker at the Double Adobe ranch, 55 miles southeast of Hachita, N. M., early in June, did not escape from the American civilian posse which trailed him into Mexico, but was killed in the wilds of Cajon Bonita, a "no man's land" between Sonora and Chihuahua. This statement reached here today from Hachita from an apparently authoritative but confidential source.

The posse returned with the statement that Valenzuela had escaped when they captured his wife and her uncle, who had been his traveling companions. The story of the finish of the chase generally believed in Hachita is that several members of the posse held the woman while the rest pursued her husband, bringing him to bay several miles further in the canyon, killing him.

From the same source it was learned that Valenzuela's wife had confessed to members of the posse that her husband had been a soldier with Villa and had been instructed by his chief not to rejoin his band until he had killed Parker, his wife and any other American he could. That was the underlying motive of the double murder, she is said to have stated. She is said to have alleged further that other men

had been similarly instructed by Villa. Every woman has been sent out of the Animas valley while the men are reported to be watching closely all Mexicans on the American side of the border in that district.

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WITH CRUTCH AT SIDE SAY VILLA IS IN COMMAND

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

EL PASO, July 20.—Reports were circulated in Juarez tonight that the Carranza garrison at Torreon, Durango, 120 miles south of Parral, capitulated today to the main Villista band, led by the bandit chieftain. The rumors continued that Villa, riding in a coach, a crutch at his side, went into the town and received the surrender of the government commander. Neither General Francisco Gonzalez, commander of the Juarez garrison, nor General Geo. Bell, Jr., commandant here, were inclined to place any credence in the story. General Gonzalez said that the last reports of the progress of the bandit campaign were contained in press dispatches from Chihuahua City today.

Arrivals from Chihuahua City today told of the Villa attack on Parral a week ago last Sunday. This, they said, because one of the Villista leaders disobeyed orders. The Villa command, consisting of 600 men, was divided into two columns, which were to attack the city on opposite sides simultaneously. One column attacked the town hours before the other, however, and was beaten off by the garrison, which recovered in time to hold the town against the assaults of the second column, according to the arrivals.

General Gonzalez and Andres Garcia, Mexican consul to El Paso, extended a public invitation to the people of El Paso today to attend a military and civic kermesse to be held in Juarez next Sunday for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of flood sufferers in the Querataro district in Mexico. It was announced also that all Mexican soldiers in northern Mexico had agreed to give one day's pay to the fund, while orders were sent to all Mexican consuls in the United States to contribute.

Manuel Bonilla, who was secretary of the interior under President Madro, in a telegram from New York received here tonight by his son, Manuel Bonilla, Jr., asked that a "most emphatic denial" be given to the rumor that he was in New York in connection with the so-called "legist" movement, with which the names of several well known anti-Carrancistas have been connected.

Mr. Bonilla asked to have it stated that his visit was purely personal and that he was out of Mexican politics.

Making For Mountains

CHIHUAHUA CITY, July 20.—With his followers scattered into small groups, Villa accompanied only by a body guard of six men, is making for the mountains of Durango, according to a report received here today at the military headquarters.

General Trevino, in charge of the operations, announced that this news came from General Larrea at Tepic, Chihuahua, communicated through General Maycott. The message stated that government troops under General Matias Ramos were following a hot trail after Villa, while General Larrea is moving up with reinforcements. He hopes to overtake Ramos by tomorrow.

Villa is said to be leading the flight, getting a good start of his followers. Larrea expressed the opinion that the bandit intended to go into hiding until the hunt blew over. General Trevino today reiterated his purpose of pursuing the bandits to extermination.

Jose Isabel Robles, Canuto Reyes and Hilario Rodriguez had another long conference today with General Trevino at headquarters, preparatory to leaving for the state of San Luis Potosi for the purpose of bringing the Cedral brothers and other former Villistas into the Carranza army. Other points are reported quiet.

To Southern Sonora

DOUGLAS, July 20.—A force of approximately three hundred Mexican infantry and cavalry, brought northward from Cabullonax, and

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Name Board To Probe Shooting Of Rodriguez

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DOUGLAS, July 20.—A board composed of Colonels J. B. Smiley, Eighteenth infantry; E. St. J. Greble, Sixth field artillery, and A. Foltz, First cavalry, who was appointed by General T. F. Davis to investigate the shooting of Antonio Rodriguez, a Mexican, by R. Tucker, Eleventh infantry, a sergeant, spent today taking testimony in the case. They came to no conclusion, several witnesses remaining to be heard tomorrow.

Several hours of the morning were spent by the board in the vicinity of the scene of the shooting on International avenue in Douglas. Residents were questioned and it was unofficially stated tonight that it appeared probable from the testimony brought out that Rodriguez and his

companion, Enrique Pina, were on American territory when the first two shots were fired at them by Tucker when they had refused to obey his command to halt. The last three shots were fired after they had reached Mexican soil. It is supposed to have been the last shot which wounded Rodriguez.

The Mexican government was represented at the hearing by an attorney, who presented official transcripts of evidence taken by the Mexican authorities in their investigation. The coat, shirt and undershirt of Rodriguez all showing the bullet hole, a diagram of the scene of the shooting made by a Mexican engineer and purporting to show that Rodriguez and Pina were fifty yards south of the border when the first shot was fired, were introduced in evidence.